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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of)
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b),)
Table of Allotments,)
FM Broadcast Stations)
(Dodge Center, Minnesota))

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TO: Chief, Allocations Branch
Policy and Rules Division
Mass Media Bureau

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PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

LifeTalk Broadcasting Association ("LifeTalk"), by counsel and pursuant to Section 1.401 of the Commission's rules, hereby petitions the Commission to initiate a rulemaking proceeding to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's rules. In support whereof, the following is respectfully stated.

LifeTalk requests that the FM Table of Allotments be amended so as to allot Channel 235C2 at Dodge Center, Minnesota as that community's first broadcast station. LifeTalk also requests that this channel be reserved exclusively for noncommercial use. The amendment to Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's rules would be as follows:

	Channel No.
<u>Community</u>	<u>Present</u> <u>Proposed</u>
Dodge Center, Minnesota	--- *235C2.

Dodge Center is an incorporated town in Dodge County, Minnesota, with a population of 1,954 (according to the 1990

U.S. Census). As an incorporated town, Dodge Center is an eligible community to receive an allotment for a broadcast station by the Commission.

Submitted herewith is an engineering exhibit which demonstrates that Channel 235C2 can be allotted to Dodge Center without creating interference with respect to any other station or allotment. The reference coordinates used in this exhibit are North Latitude 44 01 51 and West Longitude 92 51 01, describing a point located within the town.

LifeTalk requests that Channel 235C2 at Dodge Center be designated as a reserved noncommercial channel even though it is not in that portion of the FM band below 92 MHz already reserved for noncommercial use. The FM band below 92 MHz in the vicinity of Dodge Center is severely restricted because of the existence of a nearby Channel 6 television station, KAAL, Austin, Minnesota. The distance from Dodge Center to Austin is approximately 25 miles -- well within the range of the protected area for a Channel 6 station as provided for in Section 73.525(a) of the Commission's rules. Under these circumstances where demand for a noncommercial channel has been demonstrated, the Commission has previously found it appropriate to allot a channel in the nonreserved portion of the FM band and to reserve it for noncommercial use. Cf. Butte, Montana, 9 R.C.C.Rcd. 2180 (1994); Buhl, Minnesota, 9 F.C.C.Rcd. 2606 (1994); Rochester, Minnesota, 7 F.C.C.Rcd. 6505 (1992).

If the Commission allots Channel 235C2 to Dodge Center, LifeTalk will promptly file an application for authority to construct a new station on that channel. If LifeTalk's application is granted, it will promptly construct the new station and initiate the new service to the community of Dodge Center.

Wherefore, LifeTalk respectfully urges the Commission to promptly initiate a rulemaking proceeding to amend Section 73.202(b) of its rules in accord with the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted,

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DODGE CENTER
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REFERENCE

44 01 51 N

92 51 01 W

CLASS = C2

Current Spacings

Channel 235 - 94.9 MHz

DISPLAY DATES

DATA 06-28-96

SEARCH 07-09-96

Call	Channel	Location	Dist	Azi	FCC	Margin
N. Lat.	W. Lng.	Power	HAAT			
AD235	AD 235A	Lake City MN	55.09	44.5	166.0	-110.91
44 22 59	92 21 54	0.000 kW	0 M			
	Pepin Broadcasting Corporatio	RM8771		960301		
KRGR	LI 237A	Albert Lea MN	60.87	223.6	55.0	5.87
43 38 00	93 22 15	3.000 kW	91 M			
	Communications Properties, In	BLH6310		940110		
KMXK	LI 235C2	Cold Spring MN	196.40	321.3	190.0	6.40
45 23 53	94 25 15	50.000 kW	150 M			
	Gross Communications Corp. -	BLH900206KF		930512		
KSOF	LI 234A	Caledonia MN	114.78	108.9	106.0	8.78
43 41 24	91 30 09	2.100 kW	171 M			
	Sun Communications, Inc.	BLH941125KD		950420		
KSTPFM	LI 233C	St. Paul MN	116.92	348.8	105.0	11.92
45 03 45	93 08 22	100.000 kW	372 M			
	KSTP-FM, Inc.	BMLH910923KF		920526		
KCZE	LI 236A	New Hampton IA	118.03	157.9	106.0	12.03
43 02 46	92 18 09	5.500 kW	103 M			
	Mega Media, Ltd.	BLH921203KC		930617		
ALOPEN	AL 238A	St. Ansgar IA	72.54	184.6	55.0	17.54
43 22 48	92 55 18	0.000 kW	0 M			
	91-103 WC= 921117			930210		
KCHKFM	LI 238A	New Prague MN	75.75	309.5	55.0	20.75
44 27 41	93 35 08	3.000 kW	100 M			
	Kingsley H. Murphy, Jr.	BLH901205KD		910923		
KGGO	LI 235C	Des Moines IA	271.10	190.7	249.0	22.10
41 37 54	93 27 24	100.000 kW	325 M			
	Stoner Broadcasting System, I	BLH840210AD		940224		
WOLXFM	LI 235B	Baraboo WI	266.11	103.5	241.0	25.11
43 25 40	89 39 14	37.000 kW	396 M			
	Shockley Communications Corpo	BLH4952		900910		
WQRB	LI 236C3	Bloomer WI	144.19	45.7	117.0	27.19
44 55 44	91 32 31	8.900 kW	166 M			
	Bloomer Broadcasting Co., Inc	BLH940113KC		940727		
KAGEFM	LI 237C3	Winona MN	93.83	88.8	56.0	37.83
44 02 31	91 40 47	11.000 kW	151 M			
	KAGE, Incorporated	BLH920715KA		960405		
KNOF	LI 237A	St. Paul MN	104.65	346.7	55.0	49.65
44 56 48	93 09 26	3.000 kW	76 M			
	Selby Gospel Broadcasting Cor	BLH5676		880629		
KNSG	LI 234C2	Springfield MN	201.23	281.5	130.0	71.23
44 21 54	95 19 27	50.000 kW	144 M			
	James Ingstad Broadcasting, I	BLH950711KD		951026		
KWOAFM	LI 236C1	Worthington MN	231.59	259.9	158.0	73.59
43 37 48	95 40 32	100.000 kW	198 M			
	Worthington Broadcasting Comp	BLH4646		880720		